

See the Volvo Ocean Race Re-Start in Annapolis

The Round the World Race



Sunday,
May 7

Leg 6 Start:
Annapolis to New York
400 Nautical Miles

Spectator craft should monitor VHF Channel 17 for Race Commentary and special safety information.

- For race updates and information on other Volvo Ocean Race activities go to www.oceanracechesapeake.org or tune your radio to 1430AM WNAV.
- 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Fleet. Volvo fleet parades from Annapolis City Docks to Spectator Exclusion Zone (see diagram) at Severn River Channel Buoy "2".
- 10:00–11:00 a.m. Spectator craft in the Annapolis Harbor and Severn River approaches will need to transit at slow speed due to the projected high level of boat traffic.
- 11:30 a.m. Race boats maneuver near the Starting Line, which is located at the southern portion of the Spectator Exclusion Zone.
- 12:50–1:00 p.m. Race Starting Sequence with the Warning Signal at 12:50; the Preparatory Signal at 12:55; and the Start at 1:00.
- 1:00–2:00 p.m. Any position along the 5 nautical mile long Spectator Exclusion Zone will feature good race viewing. The 2006 course sends the boats north to the Bay Bridge, around a Turning Buoy, and then back south, thus providing 2 opportunities to see the race boats.

Spectator Craft

- Spectator craft should monitor VHF Channel 17 for commentary about the racing and special safety information broadcasts. Use VHF Channel 9 for hailing. Keep non-distress radio traffic off VHF Channel 16. Race updates will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the last race boat has cleared the Thomas Point area.
- For safe viewing, spectator boats can watch the race from areas that don't

impede commercial traffic and are outside the Spectator Exclusion Zone.

- 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. A Spectator Exclusion Zone, within a regulated area established by the U.S. Coast Guard, will be established to ensure the safety of spectator craft and the VOR race boats. This Zone includes a Starting Area and a Race Corridor approximately 5 nautical miles long and 2/3 mile wide, from the Starting Line (at the southern portion of the Zone) north to the Bay Bridge.
- Spectator craft cannot enter the Spectator Exclusion Zone. Only the racers and official boats identified by special flags will be permitted in the zone which will be patrolled by federal, state, and local authorities.
- Spectator craft are to keep a minimum of 150 feet from the Spectator Exclusion Zone perimeter to allow for official boats to patrol the perimeter. Spectator craft are not allowed to anchor within 250 feet of the Exclusion Zone.
- There will be a security zone established by the Coast Guard along the Bay Bridge in place 750 feet north and south of the bridge, from shore to shore, due to the annual Bay Bridge Walk. A temporary passage gate will be established at one of the eastern bridge spans for spectator craft transiting north and south under the bridge. The center span of the Bay Bridge is not open to boats transiting north or south.
- Spectator craft cannot enter the restricted viewing area east and west of the Starting Line which is in the vicinity of the Starting Line which is reserved for syndicate and VOR flagged vessels.
- Anyone violating established restricted areas will be subject to arrest and/or fines.
- Any person or operator of any vessel in the regulated area must stop immediately when directed to do so by any official patrol and then proceed only as directed. When authorized to transit within the regulated area, all vessels shall proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course that minimizes wake near the race course and near other persons and vessels in the designated spectator areas. This will include an area within 500 feet of the Spectator Exclusion

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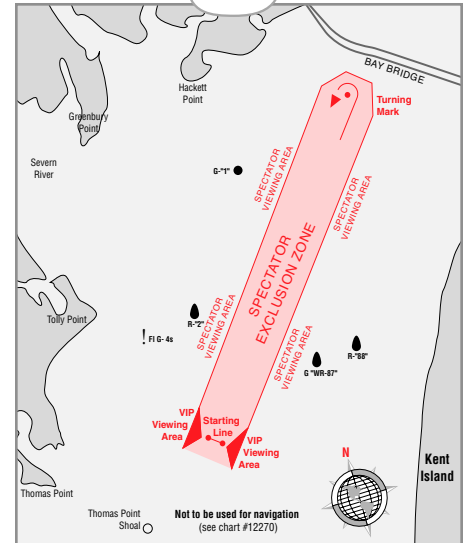


Diagram by Chris Holme based upon information provided by the National Ocean Service Coast Survey.

Zone perimeter and any other area south of the Spectator Exclusion Zone where spectator boats are present.

- When the race boats pass through the southern gate and exit the regulated area established by the U.S. Coast Guard, spectator craft should stay at least 250 feet away from the racers, aft of their beam and avoid passing across their bows at any time. Be aware that the race boats are very fast and will make radical maneuvers and sharp turns. If you are approached by one of the race boats, *hold your position and let the race boat avoid you.*
- Spectator craft must: Give way to large commercial vessels and tugs with barges; not tie up to any navigation buoys or beacons; not anchor in navigable channels; keep a safe distance from bridge abutments; and follow instructions from Official Patrol vessels.
- For area navigation details see Chart 12270.

On-Water Courtesy

- Observe the "Rules of the Road" and use common sense at all times.
- Sailboats must keep their sails down in the area adjacent to the Spectator Exclusion Zone. By doing so you will help shore side and on-water spectators see the race; you will not interfere with the racers' wind patterns; and you will not be confused with a race boat.